

Appendix A Resolution R-02-66

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE FIFTEENTH COUNCIL

49-2002 COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-02-66 ENACTMENT NO. SPONSORED BY: Eric Griego 1 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE NATIONAL 2 3 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION "NEW STARTS" 4 ANALYSES FOR THE CENTRAL AVENUE CORRIDOR AND A SEGMENT OF 5. LOUISIANA BOULEVARD FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO MENAUL BOULVARD, 6 AND TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL PLANNING ANALYSIS OF THE FEASIBILITY OF 7 BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS ON COORS BOULEVARD, FOURTH STREET 8 9 AND ISLETA BOULEVARD. WHEREAS, the Transit Department has begun the National Environmental 10 -Bracketed/Strikethrough-Material-] - Deletion Policy Act and Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" analyses for the 11 seven urban area high capacity transit corridors identified in the first phase of 12 the High Capacity Transit System Study; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the analysis completed to date as a part of the High Capacity Transit System Study indicates that the Central Avenue corridor has the 15 highest potential for success of the high capacity corridors being analyzed; 16 17 and WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and the County of Bernalillo have 18 approved the "Centers and Corridors" amendments to the Albuquerque/ 19 20 Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the "Centers and Corridors" amendments identify Central 21 22 Avenue as a "Major Transit Corridor"; and WHEREAS, the National Surface Transportation Act is scheduled for 23

reauthorization in October 2003; and

1	WHEREAS, in order to qualify for available federal funding under the
2	National Surface Transportation Act, the City of Albuquerque must identify an
3	eligible high capacity transit project by December 2002; and
4	WHEREAS, the "Centers and Corridors" amendments identify Fourth Street
5	and Isleta Boulevard as Transit Corridors and Coors Boulevard as an Express
6	Corridor; and
7	WHEREAS, Bus Rapid Transit is an appropriate High Capacity Transit
8	System for land use densities along Coors Boulevard, Isleta Boulevard, and
9	Fourth Street.
10	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
11	ALBUQUERQUE:
12-	Section 1. The City of Albuquerque hereby designates the Central
13	Avenue corridor (which shall include the segment of Louisiana Boulevard
14	between Central and Menaul) as the priority corridor for the development of a
15	high capacity transit project to support the adopted land use policies of the
16	City of Albuquerque and County of Bernalillo and the policies and guidelines
17	of Resolution 70 (Enactment No. 91-1998).
18	Section 2. The Transit Department is directed to proceed with the
19	National Environmental Policy Act and the U.S. Department of Transportation
20	Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" analyses for the Central Avenue
21	corridor in preparation for potential funding authorization under the
22	reauthorization of the National Surface Transportation Act.
23	Section 3. The Transit Department is directed to conduct an initial
24	planning analysis of the feasibility of implementing Bus Rapid Transit on the
25	following corridors: Coors Boulevard, Fourth Street, and Isleta Boulevard.
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